



· · · summer worship theme · · ·

On the Road with Jesus - "The Cost of Following Jesus" (Luke 9:51-62)

Jesus didn't just wander around. There came a certain point in His ministry when He turned toward Jerusalem. As He did this, He turned toward the cross. He turned toward fulfilling His mission to be our Redeemer. People approached Jesus about following Him, but they had other things they insisted on accomplishing before they would fully commit to follow Him. In response, Jesus said, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God." What do you think? Is there room to "almost" follow Jesus? Can we "kinda" follow Him to the cross, and "sorta" believe that we are sinners in need of redemption? When we follow Jesus on the road, we believe we are on the right track because we no longer desire to look back. Are you looking ahead to why Jesus turned toward Jerusalem?

· · · voter's meeting · · ·

Our final Voters' Meeting of this fiscal year is after the 11am service this Sunday. We plan to approve the 2019-20 budget, receive Board reports and an update on the Capital Campaign "Renewing Our Shepherd," and hear how God is at work through His church.

· · · vbs thank you · · ·

"Miraculous Mission" has launched and we are truly thankful for the 140 children who attended. This launch could not have taken place without the 50+ volunteers who made it possible. Special thanks to the following mission leaders: Sue Barbe and Veronica Klausmeier and the preschool team. Pastor Gaertner and Katie Priskorn for leading Mission openings and closings with music. Dr. Mark Nintz and team for storytelling, Tammy Sellers for the Bible Challenge, Judith Myers and her snack team, Diane Conlon and her craft team. Josh Klausmeier and his recreation team, Vicki Schram and her registration team, Esther Spanos, Lauren Brandenburg and her Mission Food Bank team, Dave Lanier for our t-shirts, the awesome teachers and aides, decorators and everyone else who worked so hard to create this Miraculous Mission. GOD BLESS YOU ALL! JESUS SAVES THE WORLD! A special celebration of our VBS will be in the Saturday evening service.

· · · red cross blood drive · · ·

Thanks to all the donors and volunteers who made the June 14th Blood Drive a great success! We went over the top - there were 62 pints of blood collected, significantly over the goal. Since three persons benefit from one pint, this total means that 186 persons received the gift of life. The next drive is Monday, August 19th from 1:00-7:00pm. Please call Beth at 248-828-7802 to register, or visit redcrossblood.org. Thank you! Beth Jagnecki, Coordinator



We join together to worship God because of the love He has shown us in His son Jesus Christ. As we worship, we are assured of our forgiveness. By gathering we are responding to the love of God in Christ Jesus with our prayers and praise.

Our Shepherd Lutheran

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Child Care Center

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Regular Worship Schedule

Contemporary Saturdays
at 6:00pm

Traditional Sundays
at 8:30am and 11:00am

Bible Education Hour
Sundays 9:45-10:45am

Church Attendance

(Last weekend)

Saturday 6:00pm	46
Sunday 8:30am	108
Sunday 11:00am	177
Weekend Total	331



Giving made easy . . .
Text "give" to 248-430-4403

From the Treasurer

Contributions Needed
JUNE \$ 93,897

Date	Envelope & Plate
June 2	\$ 21,400
June 9	\$ 15,712
June 16	\$ 28,332

Third Sunday after Pentecost

All worship services are presented on the screen. Sunday morning we follow Divine Service One, page 151. God bless our worship together.

OPENING HYMN..... (on screen)
"Give Me Jesus"

SCRIPTURE READINGS:
1 Kings 19:9b-21
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

SERMON HYMN.....739
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS
"My Song is Love Unknown"430
"Praise the One Who Breaks..."849

CLOSING HYMN789
"Praise and Thanksgiving"

Participants in Worship

PREACHER.....Rev. Dr. Evan Gaertner
LITURGISTRev. Michael Vieregge
SATURDAY MUSICIANS:
Jannah Garback, Dan Gross, Pete Zajicek
SUNDAY ORGANIST..... Todd Sager

Altar Flowers

In Honor of
Paul Dwight and Marian Flanagan
joined in Holy Marriage June 29th

In Loving Memory of
John and Jean Zeile
By their daughter, Mary Domenico

Coffee Hour

Donation made in Honor of
Paul Dwight and Marian Flanagan
joined in Holy Marriage June 29th

Campaign Messenger

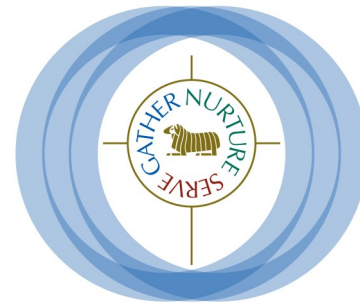
Renewing Our Shepherd Lutheran Campaign
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Campaign Announced

We are pleased to announce the launching of a very special campaign effort for the benefit of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church. It's entitled the *Renewing Our Shepherd Campaign* and its aim is raising the funds required to complete needed repairs to our church and school buildings.

Our minimum goal is to raise \$1,500,000 which will enable us to replace our roofs and the single pane windows on our buildings at both campuses, replace failing HVAC systems, improve our parking lots and add security lighting on both campuses. A challenge goal of \$2,500,000 also has been set which, if met, will enable us to remodel school classrooms, bathrooms and the office ; restore the organ and install more security cameras in the parking lots; renovate the Lower Level of the church, and complete landscaping and signage.

The campaign will officially commence with a special *Kick-Off Celebration* scheduled for Sunday, July 21 and



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will culminate on Saturday and Sunday, September 7 and 8. Commitment Weekend is when members will be asked to make their campaign gift commitments.

The pages that follow provide additional details about our needs, our plans, and our campaign. Through the prayerful, volunteer, and financial support of many, we will succeed in our task. In so doing, we will help make Our Shepherd Lutheran an even more special and spectacular place to go and to grow in God's name.

Campaign Leadership Enlisted

Our campaign leadership *cabinet* is now in place. This critical core group of leaders will give guidance and drive the overall campaign.



Serving as Chairpersons of this special effort are **Michele and Tom Shoan**, who will assume primary responsibility for the Advance Gifts Committee and phase of the campaign and **Meg Perrault**, who will oversee the Community Gifts Committee and phase.

In addition, we have been blessed with an excellent supporting cast who are tasked with leading our other necessary campaign committees. They are **Jessica Merz and Jill Hoegemeyer**, who will lead our Prayer Committee; **Ronda Klausmeier**, who will lead our committee for Hospitality; **Lauren Kehoe**, who will lead our committee for Youth and Children's Gifts; **Stacey and John Carlson**, who will lead our Communications Committee; and **Ron Chewning**, who will lead our Creative Giving Committee.

Finally, we also are blessed to already have the following people step up and agree to serve on our

Advance Gifts Team - the group of volunteers who will be visiting a select group of members in advance of commitment weekend and inviting them to consider their gifts. Serving on the Advance Gifts Team: **Greg & Jennifer Gramzow, Kirk & Karen Halstead, Eric & Emily Johnson, Jeff & Cindy Kersten, and Stacie Pouliot.**

Many more leaders and workers are needed to help with this important effort. So, please say *yes* to volunteering when you are asked, or contact **Linda McDonald** in our Campaign Office at 248-646-6100 or email renewingourshepherd@ourshepherd.net to say that you'll happily help!

Our Needs

Our church, school, and childcare buildings require updating and repair. In many ways, our facilities have become like homes that have been lived in for decades – where we tolerate leaky faucets, inefficient roofs and windows, and outdated, nonfunctional basements.

We are called to look with new eyes and be the best stewards of what God has entrusted to our care. This means we must ensure our school, childcare, and church are ready to meet the growing needs of our children and their children. Maintaining our facilities is critical to our mission to gather, nurture and serve because Jesus loves.

We recently engaged a nationally recognized facility and engineering consulting firm to assess our infrastructure needs at our church and school campuses. At the forefront of their recommendations were various infrastructure improvements.

The roofs over the six classrooms at our church, and the roofs at our school, are leaking. This has caused significant water damage to our ceilings that require constant, costly maintenance.

Our church and school buildings have their old, original windows that are energy inefficient, drafty and

*God calls us
to care for,
cultivate, and
improve all
that He has
entrusted to us.
This is what it
means to be
a good steward
of all of
God's gifts.*

they leak in strong rains. In fact, in some classrooms, teachers have to plug leaky holes with sponges and children are advised to dress warm to be comfortable on cold weather days, all because our outdated heating system struggles to keep up to warm the cold air that seeps in through our windows.

Some years ago, we replaced the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system in the sanctuary and lower level. However, the HVAC systems in the rest of our facilities are inadequate. The HVAC systems in the church education wing and in the school gym are unable to heat the rooms properly on cold winter days. They struggle to keep up to counter the warm and cold air coming in through old windows, and not surprisingly, require repeated repair costing thousands of dollars each year.

Our parking lots at both church and school also need resurfacing. Over the years we have spent money on patching them, but due to poor drainage those patches retain water and the potholes get bigger, especially in winter. In fact, our contractors have strongly urged us to dig up all three layers and replace our existing asphalt. We also need more lighting and modern security cameras with wider coverage throughout our parking areas, especially in current times, where the personal safety of our staff, members, visitors, and school children cannot and should not be taken for granted.

Our signage and landscaping also look dated, and need a refreshed, inviting look.

In our church facility we need to make some improvements: The lower level is host to essential church activities. It is a weary space that requires new carpet and ceiling tiles, and improved lighting.

Our organ, which was built in 1965, is progressively failing. When parts

break, many cannot be replaced because they are no longer manufactured or available. Pipes are sagging. Some notes don't play or get stuck. And our console needs to be replaced. Since we are known for our traditional worship and our pipe organ is an important part of our worship services, the time has come to address this need if we want to continue to be known for our excellence in worship.

Our church atrium entryway too, needs a renovated look, so that we can see the altar as we walk in, rather than a wall and a door. Renovating the doors leading into the sanctuary, and replacing the outdated and worn carpet, will be very inviting and showcase our unique architecture.

Additionally, we don't have the proper audio-visual and recording equipment, cameras or lighting in the chancel to record and live-stream our services, which would be a way to reach more people, attract more members to our church, and serve our members who may be homebound or sick.

Additionally, our school building does not meet the needs of today's families and students.

Our restrooms in both the hallways and classrooms need updating and repairs. Many restrooms are dark and dingy, with outdated, leaky, plumbing fixtures.

The classroom cabinets and counters are from the 1960s and are not appealing or practical.

The school entryway is neither welcoming nor functional. Over time it has been repurposed, and the lobby, childcare and pastor's offices are not effective spaces. The school offices need to be renovated to combine our school and childcare staff into one functional space. The pastor's office needs to be relocated from its current position down the hallway.

Our Plans

The school gym sound system is ineffective, making it difficult to hear announcements and lead chapel.

To address these needs, we have exciting plans and a multi-faceted approach. At the forefront of our plans are various infrastructure improvements including the following:

We will replace the leaking roofs over six classrooms at the church and all roofs at the school.

Taking advantage of the reroofing work, we will also replace our dated and leaky windows with updated high-efficiency windows at the church and school, including our clerestory windows.

Additionally, our heating, ventilation and air conditioning system servicing the education wing at the church, the school, and gym, will be replaced with an improved, more energy and cost-efficient heating and cooling system. Together with the roof and window replacement, the new HVAC systems will ensure greater comfort and cost-savings.

Parking lot improvements involve removing the existing asphalt on all our church and school facility parking lots and the circle drive. New asphalt will be laid, sealed, and re-stripped for more efficient parking and traffic flow, and to ensure better drainage. Additional lighting and better security cameras with a broader view will also provide additional security to address safety concerns.

We also plan to enhance our exterior signage by replacing or improving the signage that faces the traffic that streams past our facilities every day. Improved landscaping also will add visual appeal and will frame our unique and striking church building.

Our church lower level will be remodeled to improve functionality and will include new carpeting, wall-covering, ceiling, and lighting.

Working with an expert organ builder obsolete electro-pneumatic relay system will be replaced with a digital relay system and new organ console. Other needed improvements, like repairing the sagging pipes will be cared for.

The solid doors in our sanctuary entryway will be replaced with doors with windows, so that people arriving and entering our atrium can see directly into the sanctuary, drawing them into our worship space. This also provides a practical space for overflow seating at larger services and a place where parents can take their restless children and still participate in our services. Replacing the sanctuary carpeting will further heighten people's first impressions as they enter our church.

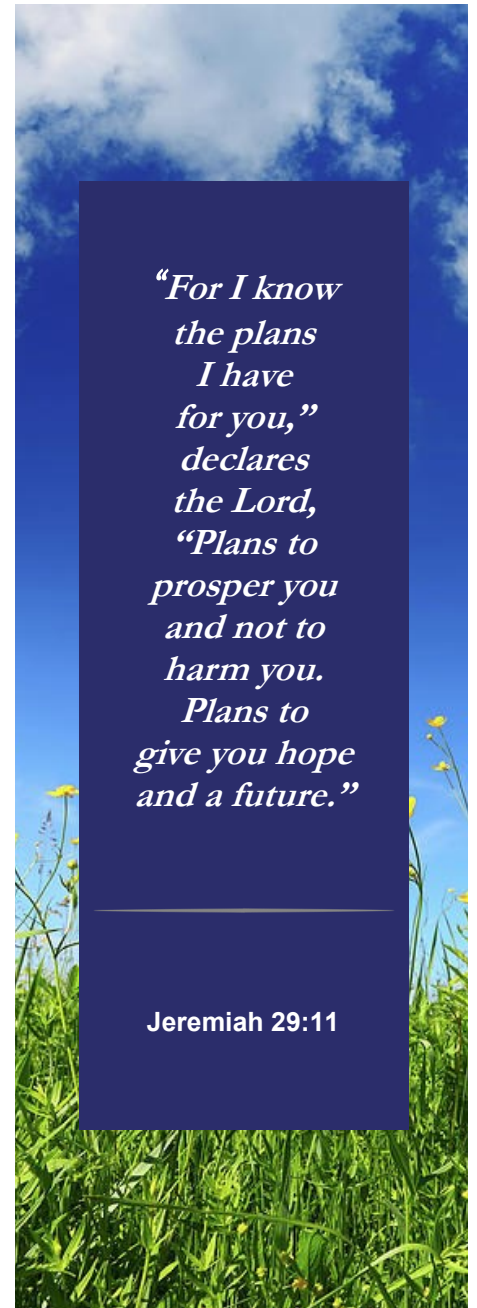
Modern audio-visual and recording equipment and lighting in the chancel will be installed, which will enable us to record and live-stream our services as a way to spread God's word to an even larger audience, attract more members, and provide a needed service to our existing members who may be homebound or sick.

We also plan to improve our school and childcare building in various ways.

First, we plan to update our school restrooms to make them more accessible, spacious and brighter, and replace the outdated plumbing.

We will renovate and repair the classroom restrooms and replace or repair classroom cabinets and counters to provide ample and appropriate storage for students and teachers.

Additionally, we will renovate the entryway to the school to make the lobby area more appealing and functional.



*“For I know
the plans
I have
for you,”
declares
the Lord,
“Plans to
prosper you
and not to
harm you.
Plans to
give you hope
and a future.”*

Jeremiah 29:11

We will renovate the offices at the school, by combining our school and childcare staff into one safe and operational space, by relocating the office for the pastor, and integrating those with the main school office.

Finally, we will improve the audio/visual system in our gym to make this space ready for chapel services, assemblies and sporting events.

How You Can Help

In preparation for this important event, we ask that you do three things:

1 Pray

Please **pray** for our volunteers, staff, and for all members of our church community. Pray for our campaign's success. Our future depends on your prayers.



2 Volunteer

Please **volunteer** your time to the campaign effort. Over 120 volunteers are needed to assure that the campaign runs as efficiently and effectively as possible and so that volunteering is a relatively easy and enjoyable job for everyone.



3 Invest

Please **invest** and when you are asked, make the best gift that you possibly can to our campaign. Long-term subscriptions - or pledges payable over three years, in addition to your annual stewardship offerings, are encouraged and essential to meeting our needs.

Your prayerful, volunteer, and financial support will ensure our campaign's and our church community's future success!



“Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share, thus accumulating as treasure a good foundation for the future, so as to win the life that is true life.”

1 Timothy 6:18-19

What in God's Name Is Going on Here?



Hear, Here

Join Us for Our

Campaign Kick-Off Celebration

Renewing Our Shepherd Campaign
Sunday, July 21

Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
in the Lower Level

Enjoy fine food and fellowship with other members. Listen to inspirational talks. View our newly produced campaign brochure and video, and learn first-hand of our needs, our hopes, and our dreams.

You'll hear it all here.
Please plan to attend and discover what in God's name is going on here.

PRAYER

In Need of Prayer

Denis Agosta *upcoming thyroid surgery*
Tim Barbe
Janet Carrier *friend of Emily Garthe*
Stephen Cash *Rick & Marilyn Lane's son in law*
Dorothy Coordes *at Evergreen*
Chuck Cuthbertson *father of Mary Hewelt*
Franklin Dohanyos *back surgery 7/9*
Charles Dudal *friend of Nancy Preece*
Taylor Hlebak *friend of Wolgasts*
Jan Haezebrouck
Jim Holbrook *son in law of Chuck and Eileen Root*
Al Kroening
Mark Leinhos *brother in law of Lorri Wilkerson*
John Marshall *recovering from heart surgery*
Elizabeth McCaffrey
Kellee Morford *daughter of Arline Sheffer*
Timothy Ott *son of Jeff and Kami, having seizures*
Emelia Parent
Herb Poleski *father of Jessica Siefker, heart issues*
Daniel Tharpe
Ron Vieregge *recovering from hip replacement*
Nicholas Verbruggen *friend of H. Adams*
Ruth Wright *mother of Sue Barbe*



Those with Cancer

June Aird *lung cancer*
Amy Arini *niece of Vicki Schram, breast cancer*
Linda R. *friend of Rae Vieregge, brain cancer*
Cindy *friend of Marlene Jennett, brain cancer*
Gloria *friend of Anne Fournier*
Robin *friend of Nancy Preece*
Rick Baker *friend of Tom and Ellyn Downs*
John Belert *Eileen Root's father, bladder cancer*
Lisa Bonham *friend of Joy Miller, lung cancer*
Kelly Burns *relative of Howard Adams, ovarian*
Jennifer Carbary *friend of Mark & Lisa Moine*
Nicholas Davis *nephew of Michelle Schulmeister*
Erin Fallucca *stage 4 colon cancer*
Michelle Foster *friend of Tom and Ellyn Downs*
Bob Foth *prostate / lymph nodes*
Shirley Engel Harris *aunt of Sherri Flesher*
Edith Iwarma *aunt of Bob Johnson*
Bruce Jones *cousin of Joy Miller*
Susan Kemmer *daughter of Dick Zuehlke*
Cheryl Madson *sister of Linda, breast cancer*
Dan Morris *brother of Roy Morris*
Tim Perry *friend of Anne Zowada*
Laurie Putman
Sarah Reichart *daughter of the Wahnefrieds*
Jeff Robertson *son of Marilyn*
Sharon Rutledge *cervical cancer*
Kelly Schultz *Don & Diana's daughter in law*
Janis Tobias *Aunt of David and Jeff Priskorn*
Austin Tomlinson *friend of Anne Zowada*

Cancer (Con't.)

Andrea Towns *brain tumors*
Frank Wilkerson *prostate cancer*
Kathie Jo Wright *breast cancer*
Lisa Zimmermann *friend of the Stroeters*

In Hospice Care

Patricia Fritsche *mother of Gail Gaiser*
Barbara Mahaffey



In the Military

Keith Allen
Chris Boychuk
Andres Galarza
Nick and Val Kulesza
Erik Marcus
Moneake McNeal
Nathaniel Nimtz
Sebastian Pica
Jacob Rebecca
Sarah Steele
Nic Stroeters
Roger VanVechten
Tyler Volz
Kara White

ETERNAL VICTORY

Donna Myers
Called Home June 26, 2019
Aunt of Pastor Gaertner



OS Prayer Chain

Activate our prayer chain by contacting Marlene Jennett:
kanabkitty@wowway.com
or 248-709-6316

Prayer chain requests
are kept private.

NEXT WEEKEND is MITE BOX weekend! Missions continue to need our support

The **MITE COLLECTION BOX** is just inside the Sanctuary the first weekend of each month. Mighty Mites help support our seminaries, feed, house and give medical attention to those in need!! Small home Mites boxes are set out at the collection box table and the Welcome Center. Missions require support every month!

LET'S celebrate

What's Happening

birthdays

June 29

Roger Pouliot
Davis Shoan

June 30

Ian Campbell
Julie Marsili
Stephen Bender

July 1

Debbie Jones
Natalie Nelson
Bailey Pratt

July 2

Joey Morrison

July 3

Jaiden Messmer

July 4

Marianne Zimmermann

July 5

Donna Dixon
Mike Dopke
Greg Gramzow
Chip Kulikowski III

July 6

Tim Garthe Sr.
Chris Hall
May Joseph
Diane Nelson

July 7

Ken Feinauer
Katherine Gramzow
Veronica Klausmeier
Erik Poyhonen
Eileen Root
Mark Wilmot

June 30~Sunday

8:30 & 11:00am.....Worship Services - Sanctuary
9:45am.....Bible Education Hour and Sunday School
12:30pm.....Voters Meeting - Lower Level

July 1~Monday

July 2~Tuesday

10:00amQuilting - Lower Level Rm 5
12:30pm.....Women's Bible Study

July 3~Wednesday

7:00pmEmotions Anonymous - WW Conf Rm

July 4~Thursday *Happy 4th of July! Church office closed*

6:30am.....Men's Bible Study - Church Library
10:00amQuilting - Lower Level Rm 5

July 5~Friday *Church office closed*

July 6~Saturday

6:00pmContemporary Worship - Sanctuary

baptisms

June 29

Christi Gaertner

June 30

Joan Vetter

July 1

Karen Martin
Cindy Hall
Deanna Tharpe
Chad Lee
Ben Pratt

July 2

Sandi Scherbarth
James Gramzow
Emma Kuykendall

July 3

Isaac Reed

July 4

Karl Kern
Oliver Boone
Ken Smith

July 5

Olivia Macavage
Stella Macavage

July 6

(none)

July 7

(none)



FAMILY OF GOD

Thanks to so many of Our Shepherd volunteers, this ministry to our neighbors at Family of God in Southwest Detroit has been a great success! Here are the scheduled dates for the remainder of this year.

Tuesday, July 9
Thursday, August 15
Tuesday, September 17
Tuesday, October 22
Tuesday, November 19
Tuesday, December 17

Questions? Contact Terry Hynes for details:
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